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SUBJECT: THEFT OF U.S. TREASURY CHECKS

1. FRENCH POLICE AUGUST 6 INFORMED EMBASSY TWO IVORY COAST NATIONALS ARRESTED AUGUST 5 IN POSSESSION OF STOLEN PTT MAILBAG CONTAINING SUBSTANTIAL NUMBER U.S. TREASURY CHECKS. ARRESTED WERE MAMADOU KONE, DPOB 10 MARCH 1950, ABIDJAN, AND MARIUS BOUABLE, DPOB 19 JANUARY 1945, ABIDJAN. THEY WERE ARRESTED AT AMERICAN EXPRESS OFFICE ATTEMPTING TO CASH ONE OF STOLEN CHECKS. POLICE FOUND IN THEIR ROOMS STOLEN MAILBAG CONTAINING REMAINING CHECKS AND OTHER EMBASSY MAIL.

2. MAILBAG APPARENTLY STOLEN AFTER HAVING BEEN PICKED UP BY PTT FROM EMBASSY MAIL ROOM AND BEFORE MAIL RE-SORTED BY POST OFFICE. ALL ITEMS FRANKED JULY 31 ON EMBASSY FRANKING MACHINE. ALL CHECKS INVOLVED WERE CIVIL SERVICE RETIREMENT CHECKS RECEIVED HERE JULY 30. TOTAL OF 74 CHECKS KNOWN TO HAVE BEEN STOLEN. 66 CHECKS RETURNED TO EMBASSY BY POLICE AND HAVE BEEN RE-MAILED TO ADDRESSEES. FOLLOWING CHECKS ARE KNOWN TO BE MISSING, AS OPENED ENVELOPES CONTAINING ONLY IBM CARDS WERE FOUND WITH STOLEN MAILBAG (COLUMNS LIST CHECK NUMBER, CASE NUMBER, AND NAME OF PAYEE, DO SYMBOL NUMBER 912 AND DATE 8-1-74 SAME IN ALL CASES):

27,052,918 CSA0815777 FLOYD BUCKLEY

29,499,711 CSF0799755W ELIEANNE M. VER HULST

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27,052,950 CSA0901509 DOUGLAS H. SCHNEIDER

27,052,971 CSA0976992 DOROTHEA A. GODMAN
27,052,964 CSA0968019 JOSEPH R. PERNICE
27,052,965 CSA0971523 LEON ALCHEVSKY
29,499,751 CSF0958683W SOLANGE B. PATERNOSTER

IN ADDITION, FRENCH POLICE ARE HOLDING AS EVIDENCE
FOLLOWINGCEHCK WHICH ACCUSED WERE TRYING TO CASH WHEN
ARRESTED:

27,052,955 CSA0906765 PERRY M. MOORE.

EMBASSY REQUESTS STOP-PAYMENT ORDER BE ISSUED ON ALL
CHECKS LISTED ABOVE. WE WILL REPORT BY CABLE DATA ON
ANY ADDITIONAL CHECKS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN STOLEN,
AND WILL RETURN MOORE CHECK TO TREASURER WHEN RELEASED
BY FRENCH. EMBASSY IS CONTACTING ADDRESSEES OF
MISSING CHECKS AND WILL FORWARD THEIR STOP-PAYMENT
REQUESTS WHEN RECEIVED.

3. EMBASSY INVESTIGATION VERIFIES THAT MAILBAG IN
QUESTION WAS DELIVERED TO PTT EMPLOYEE JULY 31 ON ONE
OF TWICE-DAILY PICK-UPS AT MAIL ROOM. WILL REPORT ANY
FURTHER SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS.
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